

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: DEALER MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

This Document Relates To:

THE DEALERSHIP CLASS ACTION

MDL No. 2817
Case No. 18-cv-00864

Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

THE VENDOR CLASS’S RESPONSE TO DEALERS’ MOTION TO STRIKE

Plaintiff Loop, LLC, d/b/a/ AutoLoop (“Vendor Class”) respectfully submits this response to the Dealership Class Plaintiffs’ (“Dealers”) Motion to Strike the Vendor Class’s two-page statement of interest and 5-page supplemental expert report of Dr. Mark Israel regarding Dealers’ *Daubert* motion seeking the exclusion of the testimony of Dr. Laila Haider, CDK Global, LLC’s (“CDK”) class expert.

As noted in the Vendor Class’s statement, in analyzing CDK’s prices, both Dr. Haider and Dr. Israel treated CDK’s temporary data integration “fee waivers” like any other prices that vendors paid, by including them in their regression analyses. But Dr. Williams (Dealers’ expert) instead excluded them from his regressions, which increased the overcharges (and thus damages) claimed by Dealers. In their *Daubert* motion, Dealers contend that Dr. Haider’s approach (which is the same one used by Dr. Israel) constitutes a “fundamental error” and merits being excluded as inherently unreliable under *Daubert*. See Dkt. 1477-1 at 6-7.

Dealers argue that the Vendor Class had no right to submit the statement and accompanying expert report. But in these consolidated MDL proceedings, the Vendor Class had every right to ensure its position was clear on a matter that could implicate the treatment of its own expert’s testimony. This is especially so where, as noted in the statement, Dealers’ and Dr. Williams’s position is the one that reflects a “fundamental econometric error”: any “valid method needs to

include” the fee waivers, which actually “did occur during the conspiracy period.” Dkt. 1494-1 (Israel Suppl.), ¶¶ 8, 9 & n.10.

In addition, contrary to Dealers’ contention, the Vendor Class has not sought any change to the case schedule. The Vendor Class submitted its position on the same date that CDK submitted its opposition to the *Daubert* motion at issue, and Dealers can reply to the two-page statement at the same time it replies to CDK’s opposition – on June 10, which is what Dealers’ motion to strike (at 4) even proposes.

Nevertheless, Dealers state (at 1) in their motion to strike that “the Court’s ruling on the Haider Daubert Motion will have no effect on the Vendors’ case.” The Vendor Class will accept that representation as true. With that understanding, the Vendor Class agrees voluntarily to withdraw its statement and accompanying expert report, thereby mooted Dealers’ motion to strike.

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Respectfully submitted,

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